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December 2, 2005

Dear Political Committee:

Your committee is obligated to file under the Illinois Act to Regulate Campaign Financing, Public Act 78-1183.

Report Type: Semi-Annual Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures.

Report Period: July 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005. Filing Period: January 3, 2006 through January 31, 2006.

For political committees created during the reporting period, the reporting period begins with the date of creation and continues through the end of the reporting period.

Reports may be filed in either the Springfield or Chicago offices at the addresses above or via electronic filing. The Board must receive this report by 5:00 p.m. when filing on paper or by 11:59:59 p.m. when filing electronically on the last day of filing. Reports that are postmarked **more** than 72 hours prior to the filing deadline will be considered a timely filing even if received after the deadline. Faxed reports will not be accepted.

If your committee is a State & Local or a Local committee, you are required to file a copy of this report with the office of the County Clerk in <u>each</u> county in which your Committee is active. However, if you file this report electronically and your County has opted to participate in the Electronic Filing Waiver Program you will not be required to submit a copy of the report to the County clerk. For a complete listing of all counties that are participating in the Electronic Filing Waiver Program please go to the SBE website at www.elections.il.gov to see if your county is participating.

If the Board does not receive this report on time, the Board will issue an order assessing a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000. For statewide offices the civil penalty may not exceed \$10,000.

Items to be reported on the D-2 form include the reporting period, beginning funds available, Section A 'Receipts', Section B 'Expenditures', Section C 'Debts and Obligations' (including debts from previous years that remain outstanding), and Section D 'Cash Balance'. The report must be dated and signed by the committee treasurer, or for a candidate committee, by the treasurer or the candidate. Remember that any committee that has \$10,000 or more in receipts, expenditures, or a balance at any time during the reporting period, must file its disclosure report electronically. Furthermore once a committee has qualified to file electronically, all subsequent reports must also be filed electronically.

I invite you to use our website whenever possible. You will find all of your required forms available for printing, plus all of the agency pamphlets relating to your reporting requirements. Many of the answers to your questions can be found by looking in these campaign disclosure pamphlets. I also urge you to file your reports electronically. Filing electronically is safe, fast, and accurate. The electronic service is available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week in your office or the convenience of your home. Our website address is: www.elections.il.gov.

My staff and I are available to answer any questions you may have.

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